Groups observe international human rights

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OST Americans never stop and think about human rights. After all, we live in the greatest deand the Bill of Rights guarantee edom and basic human rights. But ca is the exception rather than the nd for the vast majority of the in the world human rights is a very nd pressing problem. Because of he week of December 3-10 has been ed International Human Rights and a coalition of groups is has been working throughout the to educate the Drew community the extent of human rights problems

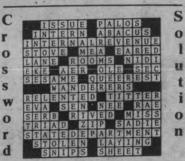
Peacemakers, the local chapter of sty International, based on campus, wish Students Organization (JSO), lyera have sponsored a table in the week to distribute information on a number of specific human rights problem areas, including South Africa, Jewish refuseniks" in the Soviet Union, the torture of political prisoners in Haiti, and a number of others.

Amnesty International is a non-partisan international human rights organization based in London, which is devoted to working to free nonviolent political prisoners in countries throughout the world. It won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. Group 45 of Amnesty, which is based here on campus, has "adopted" a political prisoner in South Africa, and one in Greece. Of the eleven political prisoners this chapter has adopted over the years, nine have been released from jail. The best known prisoner this group helped to free is Tariq Ahsan, a graduate of Drew who was imprisoned in his native Pakistan in 1982 for loaning his motorbike to a friend, who used it to distribute a pamphlet calling for a democratic Pakistan. Working with a chapter of Amnesty in New York City, the Drew chapter wrote letters to Tariq and his family as well as Pakistani government officials, and even demonstrated in front of the Pakistan consulate in New York City. After serving his term, Tariq was released in 1984. He has since come to peak at Drew, in the fall of 1984, and is political science at Carleton College in

The Jewish Students Organization recently adopted Elena Gurevich, a Jewish "refusenik" in the U.S.S.R. whose family repeatedly applied for a visa to emigrate to Israel since 1974, and have always been turned down. Elena's mother, Galina, was fired from her job as a technician after they applied for the first time. The reason for the denial of the visa was that Galina's job supposedly involved "state secrets," although another technician with the same job was granted a

The JSO chose to adopt Galina, according to Melissa Nathanson, one of its

letter writing table co-sponsored by the JSO and Peacemakers, Drew students wrote 170 letters to Galina and her family. While most of these letters will probably never reach them, the fact that members of the American public are aware of Elena's situation puts pressure on the Soviet government to ease up in its harassment of the family.



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that claim today.
wever, our task is not over. There is still ore that we must do. I have introduced ation, among others, which I hope will be ng its way straight through the legisla-

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Africa and whose stocks have lost monetary value due to civil unrest in South Africa.

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Jersey ports of goods from or to South Africa

I look forward to your active support of these measures. We must not stop now. We must continue the fight for human rights and human dignity in South Africa, South Amer-ica, Soviet Russia, Uganda, and Palestine, wherever men and women are unable to sit under their fig tree and not be afraid.

Again, thank you for you continued support.

Presidents extend thanks

Members of Ariel and Hyera wish to express their gratitude and appreciation for the over-whelming response and words of encouragement that they received on the evening of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand open-ing of the Multi-Cultural Center.

Multi-Cultural Center is located in room 122 of the University Center. While the center is available to individuals and groups, reservations are required for groups wishing

Angie Armand-President of Ariel Gyal Barnes-President of Hyera

Student apalled at **WMNJ** broadcast

On Saturday, Nov. 23, as I was flipping through radio stations I had the misfortune of tuning to our very own radio station, WMNJ. It was approximately 7:30 p.m., and the two DJ's were rambling on about this and that, filling time until their broadcast of the Rose City Classic. If the topics of their babblings had remained innocuous I would have had no complaint,

save the unprofesseional nature of the pair.
However, one of the DJ's, Dan Coleman, saw it his place to blurt forth various insults against homosexuals. He did not content his affront with simply referring to homosexuals by derogatory nicknames. Indeed, Mr. Coleman was not satisfied until he had expressed his deep-seated disdain for them. Of course, Dan put it much less eloquently, "I hate homos" were his

He continued his castigation of "dykes" and "faggots" for more than five minutes, ignoring the pleas of his companion to cease and desist. It is difficult enough for the homosexual population to feel at ease with their peers, especially on a small cam-pus such as Drew—they certainly don't need persons such as Mr. Coleman broadneed persons such as Mr. Coleman broad-casting disparaging remarks concerning their sexual preferences or blatant fictions about "AIDS spores in the air."

The fact that Mr. Coleman chose homo-sexuals as the object of his verbal witch hunt is secondary to the true travesty of the

fiasco. Mr. Coleman was using Drew University equipment to advance his own perverted opinions.

agent of the school and the entire student body. "The Voice of Drew University" is not merely an empty slogan but a statement of the station's purpose. If a DJ is permitted to slander homosexuals hap-hazardly, can we expect wholesale abuses against blacks, hispanics and other minorities to follow? ties to follow:

This letter does not seek an apology on behalf of those so thoughtlessly ridiculed; it is obvious the feelings are harbored by Mr. Coleman for homosexuals, and any expression of remorse would be merely regret for the consequences, not the sent-

However, I would like to remind Mr. Coleman that WMNJ is the radio station for the entire Drew community, homosex-uals and other such "deviants" not ex-cepted, and that as such, those affiliated with the station are obligated to conduct themselves responsibly, professionally and failry, despite their personal prejudices. Name withheld on request

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